Mark A. Kearney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Gerald J. Pappert, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; that if cloture is invoked on any of these nominations, that at 5:30 p.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, and all roll call votes after the first vote in the sequence be ten minutes in length.

Orr and Hezir Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, that if cloture is invoked on either nomination, the time under cloture run consecutively in the order on which cloture was invoked; and that the time following the 10 a.m. cloture votes and 5:30 p.m., be equally divided in the usual form, with all other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 293), Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic. Pages S6240-42

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 294), Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Pages S6240-42

By 68 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 297), Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 59 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 295), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S6242

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 298), Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, Pages S6243-45, S6245-46, S6248-52, S6253 2014.

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 296), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Pages S6242-43 Messages from the House: Page S6261 Measures Referred: Page S6261 Measures Read the First Time: Page S6261 **Executive Reports of Committees:** Pages S6261-62 Additional Cosponsors: Pages S6262-63 Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—300) Pages S6241-43, S6253-54

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6272.

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Robert M. Scher, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities, Elissa Slotkin, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, David J. Berteau, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Material Readiness, Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, and Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL **SPORTS**

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing domestic violence in professional sports, after receiving testimony from Troy Vincent, National Football League, Joe Torre, Major League Baseball, Kathy Behrens, National Basketball Association, Michele Roberts, National Basketball Players Association, and Jessica Berman, National Hockey League, all of New York, New York; Virginia Seitz, Major League Baseball Players Association, and Teri Patterson, NFL Players Association, both of Washington, DC; and Steven Fehr, National Hockey League Players' Association, Toronto, Canada.

# WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES' INNOVATION AND UTILITIES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife concluded a hearing to examine innovation and the utilities of the future, focusing on how local water treatment facilities are leading the way to better manage wastewater and water supplies, after receiving testimony from Jerry N. Johnson, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Laurel, Maryland; Harlan L. Kelly, Jr., San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco, California; Thomas Sigmund, NEW Water, Green Bay, Wisconsin; Andrew Kricun, Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority, Camden, New Jersey; and Jeffrey Longsworth, Barnes and Thornburg LLP, and John C. Hall, Center for Regulatory Reasonableness, both of Washington, DC.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2963, to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels; and

The nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

#### SUPER POLLUTANTS ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2911, to establish a task force to review policies and measures to promote, and to develop best practices for, reduction of short-lived climate pollutants, after receiving testimony from Durwood Zaelke, Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, and Stephen

Moore, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, DC; Kevin Fay, The Alliance for Responsible Atmospheric Policy, Arlington, Virginia; Drew Shindell, Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment, Durham, North Carolina; and Benny Peiser, The Global Warming Policy Foundation, London, United Kingdom.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, who was introduced by Senator Reid, and Peter Michael McKinley, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, both of the Department of State, and Isobel Coleman, of New York, to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

#### **INTELLIGENCE**

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call. –

# House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 4 public bills, H.R. 5779–5782; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 767–769, were introduced. **Pages H8272–73** 

#### Additional Cosponsors: Page H8273

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3240, to instruct the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of Regulation D, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–640);

H.R. 4200, to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to prevent duplicative regulation of advisers of small business investment companies (H. Rept. 113–641);

H.R. 4569, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10–K and regulation S–K, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–642);

H. Res. 766, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5771) to amend the Internal Revenue